

LOCAL NEWS.

CLOSING EXERCISES.—The closing exercises of the Belle Haven Institute—Misses E. B. Garber and A. S. Tobbs, principals—were held last night in the presence of a large and appreciative audience of the friends of the school. The exercises on this occasion were not so extended as formerly, and yet sufficiently so to demonstrate, to the fullest extent, the proficiency of the scholars in the various departments of education, and at the same time affording another illustration of the accustomed good taste of the principals of this most excellent institution. The evening's entertainment opened with a lively French play entitled "La Lettre de Francfort ou l'occasion fait le larron," in which the several young ladies who took part, acquitted themselves very creditably, evincing a thorough acquaintance with this language, which now forms so essential a part of a lady's education. The prizes, medals and diplomas were then distributed by K. Kemper, esq., as follows:

Prizes in the Primary Class—For Improvement and Deportment, to Virginia Corse; Diligence, Improvement and Deportment, to Julia Fleming; Improvement and Deportment, to Bertha Kiehn; Improvement and Deportment, to Edith Rotherford.

Prize in the Junior Class—For Scholarship and Deportment, to Mary Smoot.

Prize in the Intermediate Class—For Improvement and Deportment, to Minnie Smoot.

Prize for Scripture Recitation, to Annie Summers.

Silver Medals—For Diligence and Deportment, to Anna Miner; Improvement and Deportment, to Annie Summers; Improvement and Deportment, to Alice DeVaughn; Scholarship and Deportment, to Mary Greenaway; Scholarship and Deportment, to Effie DeVaughn.

Gold Badges—For Scholarship and Deportment, to Condie Boush and Mary Tobbs.

Gold Writing Medal, awarded by Prof. Spencer, to Annie Patterson.

Silver Medal in 2d French Class, awarded by Prof. Caumont, to Blanch Nicklin.

Gold Medal in 1st French Class, to Lucy Marshall.

Gold Harps to Claudia Norton and Bessie Masters.

Gold Medal, for Scholarship and Deportment, to Henrietta Gibson.

Gold Stars, for Scholarship and Deportment, to Misses Margie Henderson, Anna Stringfellow and Kate Green.

Diplomas—To Miss Claudia Norton, for French, Music and Select English Course; Miss Kate Boush, English Course; Miss Ada Griggs, French and English Course; Miss Margie Henderson, Select English Course; Miss Anna Stringfellow, English and French.

Full Diplomas, to Miss Kate M. Green—the second full diploma awarded in the Institute.

Private Music Class—Gold Harp to Miss Bessie Falls, by Prof. Heyman.

It will be seen from the above list of prizes that the Belle Haven Institute is in a very flourishing condition, and notwithstanding a rumor to the contrary, we are pleased to learn that Miss Garber will continue the school after vacation.

ALEXANDRIA—ITS RAILROADS.—While waiting for the train I have looked about this prospering city, and will briefly note some items. It is adopting metropolitan conveniences, in building street railroads, soon to be in running order. It possesses good facilities for extensive iron works, manufactories, and machine shops; and the citizens propose to offer several facilities to capitalists who will put up extensive mills, factories, iron works, and large establishments.

The railroads also, W. C. V. M. and Great Southern Line, and the W. & O. line, both offer large facilities in favorable locations, on iron, coal, timber, and other heavy articles, to those who will here engage in extensive manufactures. The W. C. V. M. & G. S. R. R., under management of Colonel Barbour, has fitted up a fine new office and made other improvements that afford additional assurance of the extension of this grand system of roads.

Mr. McKenzie is also vigorously pushing his W. & O. line toward the Ohio river. These lines will greatly aid the progress of Alexandria, and afford increased facilities of transit to rich sections of Virginia.

The Chesapeake and Ohio railroad has already demonstrated for Richmond and that region, what these will for Alexandria and the northern portion. —*Cor. Rich. State Journal.*

THE STREET RAILROAD.—More complaints were made to the Mayor to-day of the extent of King street, obstructed by the contractor for laying the track of the street railroad, but an examination of the work and the statements of the contractor and the President of the railroad company make it evident that no more of the street is obstructed than is necessary and that the work is progressing as speedily as possible.

Mr. Wm. Haggins the energetic contractor for the repaving of the street is now rapidly pushing his part of the work ahead. He has now employed eighteen first class pavers, among them all the Alexandria pavers. The work is being done in a good and substantial manner, and King street, when finished, will be greatly improved.

The Superintendent of the Police served notices this afternoon upon the President of the company and the contractor to stop work at once, but the notices were not observed.

IMPROVEMENT.—The bids for the erection of a three storied brick building—two store rooms and a dwelling house above—on the site of the old Marshall House were opened by Mr. Gontzberger, the owner of that property, last night and the contract for that property, last night to B. F. Price, and that for the brick work to Padgett & Bro. The bids were as follows:—B. F. Price, without brick work, \$1,600; with brick work, \$5,400; Thomas K. Kemp, without brick work \$4,700, with brick work \$5,355; William F. Vincent, without brick work \$4,738, with brick work \$5,400; Padgett & Bro., for brick work \$665. The contractors, it is understood, will proceed with their work immediately.

POLICE HEADQUARTERS.—The following cases have been reported at police headquarters yesterday: Eugene Dulany, colored, for disorderly conduct and fighting in the streets, was fined and discharged; James Archibald, for disorderly conduct, was fined and discharged; a warrant was issued for the arrest of Nancy Lucas, colored, for disorderly conduct; Henry Lawrence, for assaulting Capt. Frank Key, was discharged; W. T. Barnes and Buck Cox were arrested for fighting at the St. Asaph street depot, but their examination was postponed.

COLORADO EXCURSION.—The benevolent Union Association of Washington, containing sixteen colored organizations, accompanied with a brass band and friends to the number of about four hundred arrived here yesterday evening and at half past eleven last night left on an excursion trip to Richmond via the W. C. V. M. & G. S. R. R. and the C. & O. R. R. The delay in starting was occasioned by an insufficiency of funds.

NEW BOILER WORKS.—Mr. J. L. Pettit, son of a former old and enterprising resident of this city, who afterwards carried on the Virginia Iron Works at Norfolk with great success, is about to open a boiler shop in this city in the building on Union street, formerly used by the late Mr. Germond. Mr. Pettit is a skillful and experienced boiler maker, and all orders entrusted to him will be executed satisfactorily.

CORNER STONE LAYING.—The following orders are published for the information of the

Sir Knights and their friends who desire to witness the ceremonies of laying the corner stone of Hamilton Lodge, No. 37, A. F. & A. M., at Hamilton, Va., on Wednesday, June 18th, 1873:

HQ RS Old Dom. Com., No. 11, K. T.

ALEXANDRIA, VA., June 13, 1873.

General Orders No. 1:

I. The Sir Knights will assemble at the rooms of the Commercial Exchange on Wednesday 18th inst. at 6 o'clock a. m., in full uniform for inspection and drill. At 7 o'clock the Commandery will march to the depot of the Washington & Alexandria Railroad, to receive visiting Sir Knights from Washington city, and immediately after their arrival and reception, will march to the corner of King and Fairfax streets, from which point they will escort Andrew Jackson Lodge, No. 120, to the depot of the Washington & Ohio Railroad, where they will take cars for Hamilton, Va.

II. A special train will leave the depot of the Washington & Ohio Railroad at 7.40 a. m., arriving at Hamilton at 9.40 a. m., and returning will leave Hamilton at 5 o'clock p. m., arriving at Alexandria at 7.15 p. m.

III. Sir Knights who may be accompanied by ladies can obtain reserved seats in cars by making application to these headquarters prior to 5 o'clock p. m., on Monday 16th inst.

IV. Carriages will be at Hamilton station on arrival of cars, and ample time will be given Sir Knights to seat their ladies before the lines are formed.

V. The lines will be formed at Hamilton station, and the Commandery will escort the Masonic Lodges from that point to the Hall of Hamilton Lodge No. 37, where appropriate ceremonies will be observed.

VI. The Commandery will escort Hamilton Lodge No. 37, A. F. & A. M., and such other lodges as may unite with them, from their Hall to the site of the proposed Masonic Temple, and after witnessing the ceremonies of laying the corner stone of that edifice will escort the Lodges back to the Hall of Hamilton Lodge.

VII. There will be a Dress Parade, Drill, Inspection and Review of the Commandery after the ceremonies of laying the corner stone shall have been concluded; after which the Sir Knights will break ranks and join with their friends in the festivities of the day.

VIII. At the sound of the bugle the Sir Knights will promptly re-assemble and form escort for the Masonic Lodges, march to the depot and take the cars for Alexandria.

IX. On arrival at Alexandria the lines will be promptly formed and the Commandery will escort Andrew Jackson Lodge to their Hall on Fairfax street, thence march to the depot of the Alexandria and Washington Railroad, where visiting Sir Knights will take cars for Washington, where they will be dismissed.

X. Sir Knight Geo. R. Hill is appointed Adjutant of the Commandery, and will be obeyed accordingly.

By order of the eminent Commander.

Geo R. SHINN, Captain General.

JAS. E. ALEXANDER, Recorder.

COLORADO BALL.—The Pioneer corps, a colored organization of Washington, comprising companies designated as white shirts, red shirts and yellow shirts, with numerous females of their own race, and accompanied with a drum corps came down here yesterday evening and gave a ball at the Colored Odd Fellows hall on south Columbus street. It was a very disorderly affair and several disturbances occurred, but none sufficient to warrant the interference of the police.

MASONIC NOTICE.—The members of Andrew Jackson Lodge A. F. & A. M., who purpose going to Hamilton, Va., on the 18th of this month to participate in the ceremonies of laying the corner stone of the Masonic Lodge at that place, will meet promptly at their Lodge room, a quarter before seven o'clock a. m. All Master Masons in the city in good standing are fraternally invited to join us. Gloves and aprons furnished at the Lodge room. A special train for the accommodation of the fraternity will be run, returning early in the afternoon, and will be escorted by the railroad company, but \$1.00 will be charged for the round trip. Unless a sufficient number of Masons assemble at the time designated to make a respectable turnout the lodge will not go as an organization, it is therefore important that the brethren should be punctual. By order of the W. M.:

W. M. READING, Secretary.

Y. M. C. A.—The regular monthly meeting of this Association will be held in their room to-night at 8 o'clock. Owing to the indisposition of the Recording Secretary, the usual notices to the members were not prepared; hence the members are notified in this form, and are requested to be prompt in their attendance. The President will announce the standing committee to-night for the year ending June, 1874.

COUNTRY RESIDENCE FOR SALE.

That very desirable property known as EXETER, in Loudoun county, Va., is offered for sale. It is situated on the Leesburg and Winchester turnpike road, at the crossing of the Berlin gravel road, 8 miles from Leesburg, 2 miles from Hamilton, 14 miles from Lincoln and half a mile from Purcellville depot, W. & O. R. R., and out a few hundred yards from the line of the railroad. The place contains about SIXY-THREE ACRES of LAKE, on which there is a large, roomy and comfortable DWELLING HOUSE, ice house, good barn and stable, and a fine spring of water, besides a never-failing spring of delicious cold water, besides another fine spring near the barn. There is a good vegetable garden and fine apple and peach orchards of improved fruit and several cherry trees. There is a beautiful grove of trees around the dwelling, affording delightful shade. There is excellent pasture for horses and cows. It is a good neighborhood, convenient to depot, in a quiet, stores, churches, schools, &c., and in sight of the Blue Ridge Mountains. The pure bracing mountain air renders it unsurpassed in healthfulness for any place in the State of Virginia. There are good roads leading in every direction, affording easy access. Taken altogether, the place constitutes one of the most desirable country retreats to be found anywhere, and is within two or three hours' ride by railroad of Washington city. Any one wishing to purchase this property can apply to the undersigned on the premises, or by letter, at Purcellville, Loudoun county, Virginia.

ROBT. GORMAN, M.D.

Loudoun county, Va. 17-wm

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White Linen Lawns, 4-4, for Waists, Over-skirts, &c.

Also Victoria Lawns.

Japanese Silks, very cheap.

Linen Lawns, in beautiful styles and colors.

Bleached Cottons and Prints.

Linen for Gents' and Boys' wear.

Black Grenadine.

A full assortment of Gents' Linen Handkerchiefs.

Please call and examine.

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NEW LAGER BEER SALOON AND RESTAURANT.

JACOB BOHRAUS will open his new Restaurant at No. 18 south Royal st., on THURSDAY next, the 19th instant, when he will give a FREE LUNCH.

He will keep constantly on hand the best of LIQUORS, BEER, &c.

He has just received a large quantity of the best PHILADELPHIA LAGER.

He will be pleased to see his many friends and the public generally at his new stand.

JOHN L. PETTIT, Supt.

Office in the Market Building, Royal street, from 8 to 12, and from 2 to 6.

FOR SALE.—A FULL BLOODED MARE, six years old, stylish and gentle in harness. Apply to

JAMES CHATHAM.

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TELEGRAPH NEWS.

[SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE GAZETTE.]

From Central America.

PANAMA, June 7.—The republic of the United States of Columbia is in the full enjoyment of peace with the exception of some official persecutions and outrages committed by the authorities of the State of Boyaca, due to official favoritism allowing its agents to ride rough shod over the people.

The volcano of Purace, in Canca is assuming a state of activity that has become alarming. The city of Panama seems to have regained its tranquility.

The restored President of the State is fraternizing with the leaders of the revolution that banished him and dreading enmity in champagne. Those who were firing at each other a few days ago are drinking toasts to each other's health. Whether such reconciliation, so founded, will last long is very doubtful.

Nothing more has been heard of the General Sherman which sailed from Aspinwall lately for some of the Atlantic ports of Central America under suspicious circumstances.

The United States flagship Pensacola sailed hence on the 2nd inst. for Callao.

The United States steamers Omaha and Benicia are daily expected at this port.

Adolfo Bolhuan has been elected constitutional President of Bolivia to fill the vacancy caused by the death of President Morales.

Several shocks of earthquake frightened the people of Valparaiso and south parts of Chili. The first began at 12.32 p. m. of the 15th of May last at Valparaiso and lasted 42 seconds. A good deal of damage was done to public and private buildings from the motions being vertical. Several persons who were thrown or jumped from scaffolds on which they were working were killed and many wounded.

From New York.

NEW YORK, June 17.—A boiler in Queen's Quay, New York, exploded yesterday, demolishing the factory, a four-story brick building, fatally injuring R. Soffel and Frank Weiss, and seriously injuring two others.

The will of James Brooks has been admitted to probate.

The weather to-day is clear and fine, and much cooler than yesterday.

Five cases of sunstroke occurred yesterday, one proving fatal.

A State Convention of prohibitionists is called to meet at Albany on the 24th inst.

About one o'clock this morning John McManus quarrelled with Michael Kirwin, who keeps a liquor store at 331 east 32d street, for refusing him a drink, and stabbed him twice through the groin. He also stabbed through the hand Patrick Somers who was endeavoring to protect Kirwin. McManus was arrested and Kirwin taken to Bellevue hospital in a dying condition.

Fire.

NEW YORK, June 17.—A dispatch from Boston, sent from that city early this morning says: A fire is raging in the town of Westboro', fifteen miles from Worcester, which threatens to destroy the whole town. The entire fire department of Worcester has been summoned.

LATER.

WORCESTER, MASS., June 17.—At half-past twelve o'clock last night a fire broke out at Westboro', in Eagleblock; first appearing in the upper stories occupied as tenements. The flames soon communicated to the adjoining buildings. The whole of Eagleblock was destroyed, together with two wooden buildings on South street and a block of three story buildings, corner of Main and South streets. All the buildings were of wood. The sufferers are Dr. Henry Winter, of Jackson, Miss., L. E. Green, O. W. Judd, S. M. Griggs & Co., Stone & Co., H. R. Fitch, First National Bank and District Court. The losses are not stated.

Kidnapping Children.

NEW YORK, June 17.—A morning paper says that at the present time there are between 7,000 and 8,000 children kidnapped from Italy held in slavery in the large cities of the United States. This city being the great central entrepot, children are brought here and sold at private auction at prices varying from \$100 to \$400 for boys and \$100 to \$500 for girls; where girls are exceptionally pretty the prices run higher. Two little girls who together play their violins in Wall street, are said to have been bought by their present owners for \$1,000. Since the 1st of April last 317 of these children have arrived at this port.

Committed.

RELEASE, Me., June 17.—In the Thorndike tragedy the coroner's jury adjourned until Saturday next to obtain the testimony of the parents of the murdered man, who have not returned home. The prisoner was brought to this city last evening and refuses to converse. He continues stout and refuses to converse. His testimony at the inquest was given with apparent indifference, and satisfied every one of his guilt.

The Texas Border Difficulties.

NEW YORK, June 17.—A letter from Brackettville, Texas, states that after McKenzie's raid a meeting of Mexicans was held, which, at first, was inclined to insist upon reparation from the United States, but wiser counsels prevailed, and it simply requested the Governors of Coahuila and Leon to urge their national government to adjust the frontier difficulties with the United States in an amicable manner.

From San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 17.—The fourth of July committee effected a compromise to day. It is stated that there are twenty-seven steamers in China waters waiting to bring Chinese to the number of 29,000 to California.

The news of the sale of Huntington's and Hopkins' interest in the Central Pacific railroad to Sharou, Kuse, Cohen and others is confirmed.

O'Kelly.

MADRID, June 17.—Mr. James J. O'Kelly has arrived at the fortified town of Santona, province of Santander, where he was delivered over to the Spanish authorities by the captain of the steamship which brought him from Cuba. O'Kelly's effects were sealed by the United States Consul at Santander.

Cable.

LONDON, June 17.—A second cable from the coast of Cornwall to Spain has been opened for business. This increase in the facilities for the transmission of dispatches between England and Spain has led to a reduction of the tariff.

Ex-President Johnson.

NEW YORK, June 17.—A Washington special says, ex-President Johnson proposes to run for Governor of Tennessee this fall and has hopes of his election, a promotion to the U. S. Senate to follow.

Spain.

MADRID, June 17.—The Cortes has under consideration the proposition of Senor O'Con, granting the government extraordinary facilities under which it will be empowered to levy a contribution of 100,000,000 pesetas upon the country.

Health of the Emperor William.

LONDON, June 17.—A special dispatch from Berlin to the London Hour, says the health of the Emperor William is improving, and it is expected that in a few days he will have regained his usual health.

Died of his Wounds.

PHILADELPHIA, June 17.—John Murphy,

injured by the bursting of a fly wheel at Robins & Sons' rolling mill, last night, has since died of his wounds.

Dead.

NASHUA, N. H., June 17.—Henry Jewett, the would be assassin of Ella Woods, in Hudson is dead. Miss Woods will recover.

The Carewiteh and Wife.

LONDON, June 17.—The Carewiteh and wife are visiting the Prince and Princess of Wales at Sandringham.

Weather Probabilities.

WASHINGTON, June 17, 11 a. m.

For the Middle States, very generally clear and cooler weather than on Monday, and fresh to occasionally brisk winds mostly from the north and east. For the South Atlantic and Gulf States east of Mississippi, light to fresh winds from the southwest, south and southeast, generally cloudy weather and rain areas.

LOCAL BRIEFINGS.

A young widow from Prince William county, after a somewhat prolonged visit to this city, left yesterday morning for her home. She was seen to embrace the young man who escorted her to the depot, just before the train started, and since that time he has been in a melancholy frame of mind, and has found his only solace in playing "There is a happy land, far away," on the accordion.

Mr. Albert Harrison was knocked down by a bull at his farm, Huntly, near this city, yesterday, and badly gored, and it is said would have been killed had it not been for the assistance rendered him by a colored man, who succeeded in driving the enraged animal away from his victim.

The excursion of the Catholic Beneficial Society to Carlin's Springs, yesterday, was a most satisfactory and agreeable manner. The festival in progress at the springs for the benefit of a Catholic chapel to be built at Falls Church closed this evening with a tournament and ball.

The dispossessed residents of Zion Bottom are not standing upon the order of their march, but are leaving at once. Some are tearing their shanties down and moving them, while others, with the assistance of numerous friends, pick up their whole, and bear them off to new sites.

The drill of the Knights Templar on the parade ground of St. John's Academy, last night, was witnessed by a large number of spectators, all of whom were surprised and delighted with the remarkable precision with which the difficult evolutions were executed.

The Wawaset was running on the Washington ferry line to-day in the place of the steamer City of Washington, which was taken off for the day in order that workmen might have time to repair her slip at the Washington wharf.

There is now living in the village of Falls Church, Fairfax county, a colored woman named Rachel Poote who is said to be 125 years old. She can see to sew and has the use of all her faculties. She belonged to the estate of the late Cooke Fitzhugh, esq.

Miss Barker, of Herndon, was agreeably surprised this morning by Capt. Williams, of the W. & O. R. R., who handed her a port monie which she had lost on the train yesterday afternoon and which the Captain had found.

Nineteen of a car load of hogs that arrived here early this morning from Baltimore had died on the way. They belonged to Mr. J. R. Snoot, were for this market, and the loss is estimated at \$250.

A horse belonging to Mr. Wm. Reed ran away from Atkinson's blacksmith-shop, yesterday morning, and before he was caught at the Stone Bridge had smashed to pieces the wagon to which he was attached.

The sturgeon laid out in rows, stiff and stark, in the damp and darkened fish-houses at Fish-town, when viewed through the chinks in the weather-boarding, look like corpses in the morgue.

Among the receipts of grain at this port to-day were 3,000 bushels of corn which came here by canal from the Point of Rocks. Slavery but surely the old trade is returning to Alexandria.

The Radical County Committee will meet in this city to-morrow for the purpose of calling a convention for the appointment of delegates to the State Convention to be held in Lynchburg.

Many of the farmers living around the city have their houses filled with the families of office-holders in Washington who are boarding with them for the summer.

Private parties are already arranging for excursions and pic-nics in the country on the 4th of July. The weather is, generally, too warm on that day for parades and processions.

It is understood that the argument in the case of Turnbull against Thomas and others, will be heard before Judge Boud, in this city, on Saturday, the 28th inst.

The Knights of St. Patrick will meet in Harlow's Building to-morrow night for the purpose of making arrangements for uniforming themselves.

It seems to be settled that S. H. Janney will be elected President of the Board of Aldermen to succeed H. L. Simpson, whose term expires on the 1st of July.

Mr. William Legg, whose valuable colt was found dead on the commons near the city a few days ago, has lost twelve horses during the last two years.

Among a fine mess of fish caught with a hook and line at Fish-town, yesterday, was a rock twenty-eight inches long.

The Government steamer Tallapoosa passed by here yesterday afternoon on her way to the Washington navy-yard.

The old telegraph road in Fairfax county is being repaired and improved under the direction of Commissioner Samuel Pullman.

The funeral of Gen. C. Seaton, whose death was mentioned yesterday, was attended to-day by a large number of persons.

The festival for the benefit of an Episcopal chapel at Arlington, closed at that village last night and was a success.

Mr. James Reamer has put a new and handsome stage coach on the route between Middleburg and Leesburg.

The weather is now very warm. To-day the thermometer, in the shade at noon, stood at 87°.

The attention of consumers of gas is directed to the notice of the Superintendent in to-day's Gazette.

The whole ground floor of the new market house will be completed to-morrow night.

The farmers are beginning to complain of a want of rain.

Contractors are in this city on the look-out for hands to work on the Valley railroad.

The general health of this city and neighborhood continues, so far, to be good.

There was a good supply of sturgeon in market this morning.

EXCURSION

OF THE

FIRST BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL

TO MARSHALL HALL.

ON TUESDAY, JUNE 24th, 1873.

Boats leave the foot of King street at 64 a. m., 104 a. m. and 5 p. m.

Adult's tickets 50c; children's tickets 25c.